



The NOAA Strategic Plan

An FY 2002 Overview

For the year 2005, NOAA envisions a world in which societal and economic decisions are coupled strongly with a comprehensive understanding of the environment. Environmental stewardship, assessment and prediction will serve as keystones to enhancing economic prosperity and the quality of life, better protecting lives and property, and strengthening the U.S. balance of trade. This vision depends on actions now that:

- Create and disseminate reliable assessments and predictions of weather, climate, space environment, ocean and living marine resources, nautical, and geodetic phenomena and systems.
- Implement integrated approaches to environmental management and ocean and coastal resources development for economic and social health, protection of essential fish habitat, and recovery of endangered and threatened species of fish and marine mammals.
- Ensure access to continuous operations observing capabilities - from satellites to ships to radars and submersibles.
- Build and use new information networks.
- Develop public-private and international partnerships for the expansion and transfer of environmental knowledge and technologies.
- Invest in scientific research and the development of new technologies to improve current operations and prepare for the future.
- Improve NOAA's abilities to serve its customers and forge stronger ties with its partners and stakeholders.

Achieving NOAA's Vision for 2005

- NOAA's Strategic Plan describes the goals and objectives that have been established to fulfill its vision. The strategy consists of seven interrelated goals that are grouped within the two missions of Environmental Assessment and Prediction, and Environmental Stewardship. The execution of NOAA's goal-based strategy depends strongly on a stable and robust infrastructure and administrative and human resources, as well as on the underlying capabilities of the agency as a national resource for research, observing systems, and environmental data and information services.

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